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SUBJECT: **STATUS REPORT – EXTENSION REQUEST FOR REVIEW OF THE
SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT AERO BUREAU AND MARITIME
OPERATIONS (Board Agenda 4/3/2012, Item 2)**

On April 3, 2012, your Board instructed the Auditor-Controller to conduct a comprehensive audit of the Sheriff's Department (Sheriff's) Aero Bureau, and an operational and fiscal review of the Sheriff's maritime operations.

We have reviewed the report prepared by the Sheriff's Internal Criminal Investigations Bureau that assesses various allegations within the Aero Bureau. We have also gathered documentation pertaining to air fleet acquisitions and operations, and conducted a tour and initial interviews at Aero Bureau headquarters.

We have also identified the various units involved in maritime operations, the vessels assigned to each unit, and the specific services they provide. We are currently working with each unit to evaluate their maritime operations (e.g., resource deployment, effectiveness, utilization, etc.) and identify the associated costs.

Because of complexities and scope of our review, we request a 60-day extension and anticipate a response to your Board by June 29, 2012. Please call me if you have any questions, or your staff may contact Robert Campbell at (213) 253-0101.

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